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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/699,923
Filing Date	October 30, 2000
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Group / Art Unit	1644
Examiner Name	P. Gambel
Attorney Docket No.	2836-E

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## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other Statement of Common Ownership


## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(f) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees


- The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 09-0089
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) in the amount of \$790.00.
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) in the amount of \$2,160.00. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a request therefor.
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
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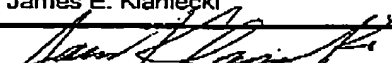
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